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SUBJECT: PRIME MINISTER'S MESSAGE TO SECRETARY KISSINGER
ON SUGAR

REF: FENNELL TRANSMITTAL LETTER OF DECEMBER 6, 1974

FOR CHARGE

1. PLEASE DELIVER FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO PRIME MINISTER
FROM SECRETARY KISSINGER:

QUOTE. DEAR MR. PRIME MINISTER:

THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER OF DECEMBER 5, 1974, CONCERN-
ING FIJI'S PARTICIPATION IN THE UNITED STATES SUGAR
MARKET. OFFICERS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND THE
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE RECENTLY HAD THE PLEASURE OF
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DISCUSSING THIS MATTER WITH YOUR AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED

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STATES, HONORABLE SEMESA K. SIKIVOU.

THE UNITED STATES SUGAR ACT EXPIRED AT THE END OF 1974. THE PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION ISSUED ON NOVEMBER 18, 1974, PROVIDES FOR A GLOBAL QUOTA OF SEVEN MILLION SHORT TONS OF SUGAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 1975. NO PROVISION

IS CURRENTLY MADE FOR THE ALLOCATION OF THIS GLOBAL QUOTA ON AN INDIVIDUAL COUNTRY BASIS. HOWEVER, ACTUAL UNITED STATES SUGAR IMPORTS IN 1975 ARE NOT EXPECTED TO REACH THE SEVEN MILLION TON LEVEL. THE PORTION OF THE UNITED STATES SUGAR MARKET SUPPLIED BY FIJI AFTER JANUARY 1, 1975, THEREFORE WILL DEPEND ON THE DESIRE OF FIJI TO SHIP SUGAR TO THE UNITED STATES, AND ON THE ABILITY OF FIJI TO COMPETE WITH OTHER SUPPLIERS FOR A PORTION OF THE UNITED STATES MARKET.

THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE IS PLEASED THAT FIJI INTENDS TO CONTINUE SUPPLYING SUGAR TO THE UNITED STATES AT OR ABOVE PAST LEVELS, AND DOES NOT EXPECT THAT THE OVERALL GLOBAL QUOTA WILL HAVE ANY LIMITING EFFECT ON FIJI'S SUGAR EXPORTS TO THE UNITED STATES. UNDER THE GLOBAL QUOTA MECHANISM, FIJI CAN SHIP AS MUCH SUGAR AS IT DESIRES TO THE UNITED STATES, UNENCUMBERED BY THE RESTRICTIONS OF AN INDIVIDUAL QUOTA CEILING. FIJI HAS ESTABLISHED A CONSISTENTLY GOOD RECORD OF PERFORMANCE IN SUPPLYING SUGAR TO THE UNITED STATES MARKET, AND THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE HOPES THAT FIJI WILL CONTINUE TO VIEW THE UNITED STATES AS AN ATTRACTIVE MARKET FOR FIJI SUGAR. THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT FULLY APPRECIATES THE IMPORTANCE OF THE SUGAR INDUSTRY TO THE PEOPLE OF FIJI, AND HOPES THAT THIS MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL TRADE WILL CONTINUE.

IT IS GRATIFYING TO NOTE THAT THE OVERALL TRADING RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES IS HEALTHY AND GROWING. FIJI'S ADOPTION OF A SINGLE-LINE TARIFF SHOULD FURTHER STRENGTHEN THIS RELATIONSHIP, AND WE WELCOME THIS ACTION ON THE PART OF YOUR GOVERNMENT, AS IT IMPROVES THE CONDITIONS FOR EXPANDED TRADE.

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I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS MY APPRECIATION FOR YOUR KIND LETTER. I ASSURE YOU THAT THE UNITED STATES VALUES ITS TRADING RELATIONSHIP WITH FIJI AND WILL SEEK TO PROMOTE CONDITIONS FOR BENEFICIAL TRADE WHENEVER POSSIBLE. BEST REGARDS. HENRY A. KISSINGER UNQUOTE.

2. DEPARTMENT DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE SECRETARY'S REPLY AND ASSUMES THAT GOF DOES NOT PLAN TO MAKE THIS EXCHANGE

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